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MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Requirements for Present Satellite
Image-Forming Sensors

1. Attached for consideration at the COMOR meeting on 11 February is a draft of the proposed Section I of the paper to go to the Board in reply to its injunction, COMOR-D-13/30, to resubmit COMOR-D-13/29 in two sections.

2. Paragraph 10 of this paper was revised following the drafting session on Friday, 5 February. However, this concept was discussed and the Chairman felt that it might present a stronger case and raise fewer questions with the Board. The summary of requirements is also an addition and it could either appear where it now is at the end of Section I or could be an introduction.

3. Your cooperation is requested in according very close attention to each paragraph, as there have been so many versions of the paper that full credit may not have been given to suggestions made either during a COMOR meeting or in a drafting session.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENT SATELLITE IMAGE-FORMING SENSORS

Section I

Requirements for Employment of KH-4, KH-5, and KH-7 Capabilities

Introduction

1. . . This statement of requirements including targets and frequency of coverage in Tab A hereto is specifically designed to provide general guidance to [] NRO in the operation of the KH-4 and KH-7 capabilities for the next two years or so. It is emphasized that Tab A is an estimate of the number and type of targets and the frequency of coverage required and is subject to change in the light of shifting world situations or other factors that may bear on our current intelligence needs such as the results of previous reconnaissance missions and the receipt of collateral information. Accordingly, Tab A will be supplemented periodically with specific guidance which reflects changes in our intelligence needs. To assure effective management, including frequency of launch, each mission will therefore be targeted on the basis of a continuing review of the intelligence needs. Long-term satellite reconnaissance requirements are discussed in Section II of this paper which deals with requirements for new or improved collection capabilities.

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